Procedure: Define the Approach (Develop Products)	
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- **1. Purpose:** To determine and document high-level information about the product and the project, and to define how the project will be performed.
- **2. Applicability:** This procedure is applicable to all government and contractor personnel assigned to ATISD.
- **3. Responsibility:** Engineers
- **4. Support:** Government and Contractor Project Managers, Quality Assurance, Configuration Management, the ATISD Director.

5. Invoked By:

Standard Process

6. Inputs:

Statement of Work	S-PM-010
Project Life Cycle Worksheet	S-PM-150

7. Outputs:

Test Strategy	Glossary
Requirements Specification	S-PE-187
COTS Decisions	Glossary
Top Level Design	S-PE-280
Fielding Strategy	Glossary

- **8. Procedures Invoked:** Identify Risks P-PE-150
- 9. External Procedures Referenced: N/A

10. Procedure Steps:

- a) The Engineers analyze the Government's request to determine the requirements for the product. The Engineers may perform reverse engineering if required.
- b) The Project Manager documents the requirements in a Requirements Specification (S-PE-187) and places it in the Project Records. For larger projects the team may want to create a draft RTM/Compliance matrix at this point.
- c) The Project Manager, with assistance from the Chief Engineer, updates the Operational Concept for the product.
- d) The Project Manager updates the Product Vision and Project Goals based on any new knowledge and clarifications identified by the Engineers.
- e) The Engineers analyze the product's requirements, limitations and restrictions to determine the Architectural Design (S-PE-285) for the product.

- f) The Engineers analyze the product's requirements, limitations and restrictions and determines the Top Level Design (S-PE-280) for the product.
- g) If any COTS products are available, the Project Manager, with assistance from the Engineers, decides to build or buy the functionality and/or reuse existing code. These decisions will be documented (COTS Decisions) in the Project Records.
- h) If the developers are to deploy the product, the Engineers, with assistance from the Project Manager, define a Fielding Strategy. For larger projects, the team should provide more details on the approaches for testing and fielding.
- i) The Engineers, with assistance from the Project Manager, define the Test Strategy and place it in the Project Records.

11. Notes: N/A